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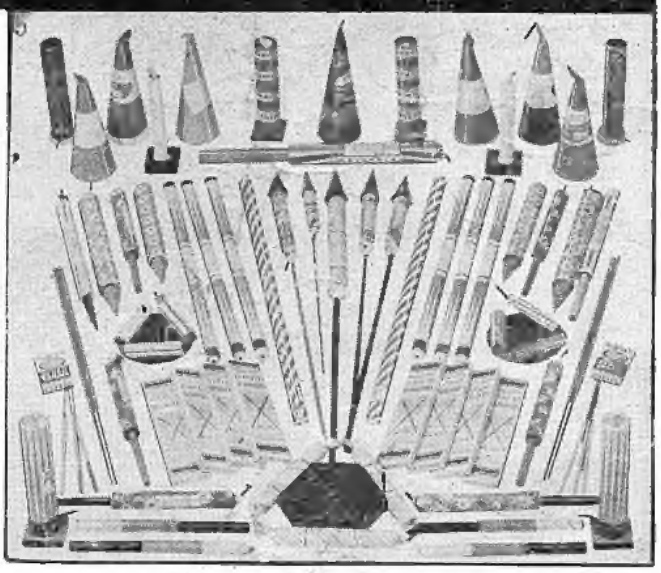

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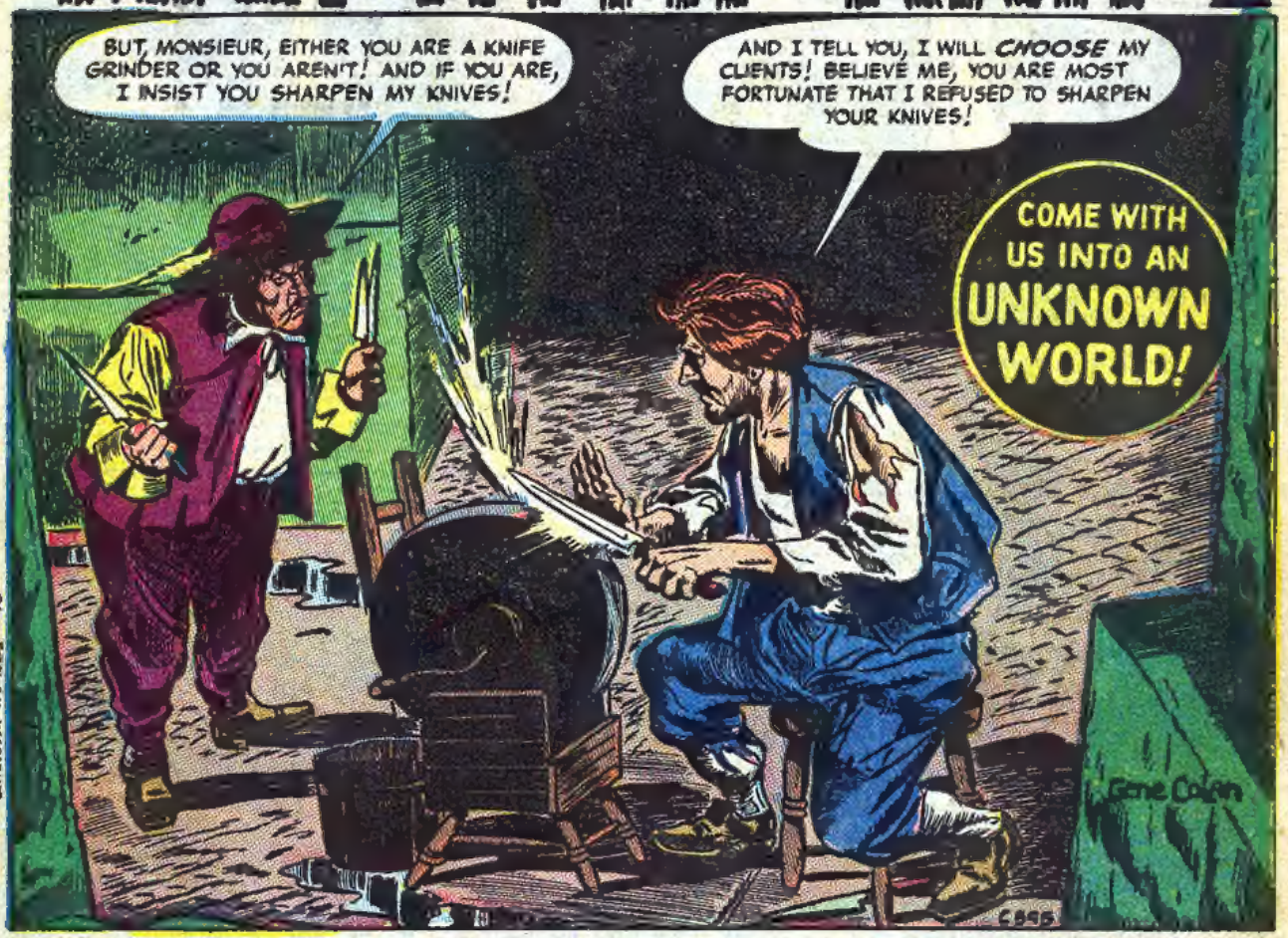
BON JOUR! LET US DALLY IN THE ALLEYS OF PARIS AND DO A BIT OF CUTTING UP! IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT...EVEN THE RAGGED KNIFE GRINDER IS A SHARP OPERATOR, AS HE CHOOSES HIS VICTIMS CAREFULLY! NO RIFF-RAF FOR HIM! HE HAD SPECIAL PREFERENCE FOR THE UPPER CRUST!

THE MAN WITH A KNIFE


BUT, MONSIEUR, EITHER YOU ARE A KNIFE GRINDER OR YOU AREN'T! AND IF YOU ARE, I INSIST YOU SHARPEN MY KNIVES!
AND I TELL YOU, I WILL CHOOSE MY CLIENTS! BELIEVE ME, YOU ARE MOST FORTUNATE THAT I REFUSED TO SHARPEN YOUR KNIVES!
COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
Gene Colan

THROUGH THE NARROW, WINDING STREETS OF 17TH CENTURY PARIS, THE RAGGED KNIFE GRINDER GOES, HIS BELL CLANGING AND A DARK SECRET HIDDEN IN HIS EVIL SOUL...
YOU, THERE! WAIT! MY BUTLER WILL BRING MY KNIVES!
YES, YOUR LORDSHIP! YOUR KNIVES I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SHARPENING! THEIR EDGES WILL DRAW BLOOD AT THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH!

STRANGE WORLDS #10

WITH ANGRY FURY, HIS HAND TURNS THE GRINDSTONE'S CRANK...
THE WHEEL SPINS, AND SPARKS FLY...
ZZZZ
THE LUBRICATION BUCKET DRIPS ITS REDDISH FLUID ONTO THE WHIRLING GRINDSTONE, AS ONE BY ONE THE BLADES BECOME KEENER AND KEENER...
ZZZZZZ
THERE! THEY'RE ALL SHARP... SHARP AND DEADLY!
HERE'S YOUR PAY! DON'T DRAG YOUR MUDDY FEET INTO HIS LORDSHIP'S HOME!
TELL HIS LORDSHIP HE'LL FIND THE BLADES PERFECT FOR CARVING... NO MATTER WHAT HE CHOOSES TO CARVE!
THAT SAME NIGHT, HIS LORDSHIP STANDS BY THE STEAMING ROAST, A SHARPENED KNIFE CLUTCHED IN HIS HAND! SUDDENLY, HIS HAND TIGHTENS ON IT, HIS ARM SWINGS UPWARD WITH MURDEROUS COMPULSION...
PIERRE! W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PUT THAT KNIFE DOWN!
I WILL, MY DEAR... AFTER I FINISH USING IT!
NO, PIERRE! NO!... HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
I--I CAN'T HELP IT! THIS KNIFE... THIS KNIFE HAS A WILL OF ITS OWN!
PIERRE--AIEEEEE!
THE GRINDSTONE SHARPENED THE KNIFE PERFECTLY FOR ITS MISSION! LET MORE DEATHS AND TRAGEDIES STRIKE THE HATED NOBLES AND THE RICH WHO LOOK DOWN ON ME AS A STREET BEGGAR!
KNIVES SHARPENED! KNIVES SHARPENED!

THE NEXT MORNING, THE KNIFE GRINDER WATCHES, AS THE POLICE LEAD OFF THE NOBLEMAN...
BUT WHAT MOTIVE DID I HAVE FOR KILLING HER? NONE! IT WAS THE KNIFE THAT MADE ME DO IT! THE CURSED KNIFE!
HIS MIND MUST BE GOING! TO THE BASTILLE WITH HIM!
ANY KNIVES TO BE SHARPENED? KNIVES!
HOW MUCH TO SHARPEN THESE?
NOTHING, MADAME! I WILL NOT SHARPEN THEM! FIND ANOTHER GRINDER!
QUITE RIGHT OF YOU TO REFUSE THE KNIVES OF THE RIFF-RAFF! THEY'D ONLY RUIN YOUR STONE! FIX THESE! THEY BELONG TO THE DUC DE LORI!
FOR HIS EXCELLENCY? CERTAINLY!
HIS GRACE IS VERY PARTICULAR! HE WILL FEEL EACH BLADE AND IF THEY AREN'T ALL PERFECT...
DO NOT WORRY! HIS GRACE WILL NEVER FORGET THE KNIVES I SHARPEN FOR HIM! I HAVE A SPECIAL PROCESS!
SLLZZ
THAT NIGHT, THE DUC DE LORI EXAMINES HIS KNIVES! THE HANDLE OF A LARGE CARVING KNIFE FEELS WELCOME IN HIS GRASP! HIS WHOLE BEING TINGLES WITH A STRANGE, WILD IMPULSE AS HE WATCHES THE BLADE FLASH IN THE FIRE LIGHT!
IF YOUR GRACE WILL EXCUSE ME, I'LL PUT THE KNIVES AWAY!
NO! I WANT TO TEST THIS BLADE! I WANT TO CUT, TO STAB... TO KILL!
SIR, YOU'D BETTER LET ME HAVE...
I CAN SEE YOU THINK I'M ACTING LIKE A FOOL! ADMIT IT! WELL, I'LL END THOSE INSULTING THOUGHTS OF YOURS QUICK ENOUGH!
NO, YOUR GRACE! D-DON'T.. AIEEEEE!
WHO WILL BE NEXT? KNIVES SHARPENED? WHO IS NEXT?

THE GRIM GRINDSTONE TURNS FASTER AND FASTER, AS THE KNIFE SHARPENER PLIES HIS DEADLY TRADE...

ZZZZZ

AND PARIS IS TERRORIZED BY THE STRANGE SERIES OF UNMOTIVATED STABBINGS...

BUT ALL THE MURDERERS ARE LORDS OR RICH MEN AND ALL THE KNIVES HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON, THEY WERE ALL JUST SHARPENED ON THAT FANTASTIC GRINDSTONE...

ZZZZZZZZ

AND EACH TIME A VICTIM'S CRIES ECHO THROUGH THE DARK STREETS, ONE MAN WAITS AND LISTENS WITH A LEERING SMILE...

GENDARME! LOOK! THE BARON DE BRECUT WAS JUST STABBED AND THAT MAN IS RUNNING OFF!

HALT!

MON DIEU! WHY DO YOU STOP ME? I HAVE COMMITTED NO CRIME! I ONLY SHARPEN KNIVES!

HUSTLED TO COURT, THE DEFIANT KNIFE GRINDER ANGRILY FACES THE JUDGE...

THERE ISN'T A SHRED OF EVIDENCE AGAINST ME! WHOEVER STABBED THE BARON MUST HAVE BEEN INSIDE HIS MANSION!...I WASN'T! RELEASE ME!

WAIT, SIR! LOOK AT HIS GRINDSTONE!

SEE WHAT HE MOISTENS HIS GRINDSTONE WITH?...BLOOD!

BLOOD!--THEN HE MAY HAVE CAST AN EVIL SPELL ON THE KNIVES HE SHARPENED! UNTIL WE FINISH INVESTIGATING... LOCK HIM UP!

BUT THE INVESTIGATION PRODUCES LITTLE BEYOND WHISPERED FEARS OF DREAD WITCHCRAFT...
HE DID SHARPEN THE KNIVES USED BY ALL THE NOBLES WHO COMMITTED MURDER!
BUT HE CLAIMS HE ALSO SHARPENED HUNDREDS OF OTHER KNIVES! IF NO NEW EVIDENCE IS FOUND BY MORNING, RELEASE HIM!
THAT NIGHT, THE MURDEROUS KNIFE SHARPENER GLOATS IN HIS CELL...
THANKS FOR THE FOOD AND LODGING, TURNKEY! BUT COMES MORNING, I'LL BE OFF TO CONTINUE MY TRADE!
THEY SAY, YOU'VE WORKED A DEVIL'S SPELL ON KNIVES!-- KEEP AWAY FROM ME!
YOU'RE SAFE ENOUGH, MY POOR FRIEND-- UNLESS THERE'S NOBLE BLOOD IN YOUR FAMILY!
TAKE YOUR KNIFE AND FORK AND EAT IN SILENCE!
BUT HARDLY DOES THE TURNKEY TAKE A DOZEN STEPS FROM THE KNIFE GRINDER'S CELL, WHEN A PIERCING SHRIEK RINGS THROUGH THE WRETCHED DUNGEON...
AIEEEEEEEE
DEAD!-- H-HE STABBED HIMSELF!
QUICKLY, THE WARDEN COMES TO THE CELL AND LOOKS AT THE GRUESOME CORPSE...
BUT WHY DID HE DO THIS, WARDEN? HE WAS TO BE RELEASED IN THE MORNING!
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT! BUT WHAT AMAZES ME EVEN MORE, IS THAT ONE OF OUR DULL KITCHEN KNIVES COULD HAVE MADE SUCH A FATAL STAB!
OH, THAT KNIFE WASN'T DULL! I SHARPENED IT EARLIER-- ON HIS GRINDSTONE!
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GRIM VICTORY

LUIGI COLLINI, who was mayor of the Italian town of Grocenza, glanced gloomily at the large envelope that the messenger had placed upon his desk.

"You may go," he said and handed the messenger a ten-lira note. He turned to his sweetheart, Bianca Torello and frowned. "It is from my uncle, Ferro. Doubtless he has already heard of our engagement."

"How could he, darling?" Bianca asked. "He lives alone in the old Collini castle on the hill. He sees no one. There is no one in Grocenza brave enough to climb there."

Collini frowned again.

"My family does not have a good reputation in these hills," he said. "Not now, or for the last three hundred years!"

"Not, in fact," Bianca said softly, "since an ancestor of mine tried to burn one of yours on a charge of witchcraft."

Collini got up from his carved chair and paced the room angrily.

"Hate lives long, Luigi," Bianca said. "Hate has made members of families dye these green hills red with each other's blood!"

"The hatred between the Collinis and the Torellos dies in our love," Collini said quickly. He picked up the envelope, ripped it open, scanned the contents quickly. "Yes, he wishes to see me," Luigi said, nodding. He raised his eyes to her gravely. "About our engagement, too." Luigi shuddered. "You are right, Bianca. It is almost a miracle—or something worse — that he could have found out so quickly." He threw on a cloak, kissed Bianca and pointed to a chair. "Wait here for me. I'll return within the hour. We'll see what the old devil wants!"

Outside his office, he leaped into his small car, headed for the long disused road that led upward to the Collini castle crowning the jagged heights over Grocenza. The distance was not great, but the road was in bad repair, and it was a half-hour later when he knocked on the castle door.

Minutes later it opened creakily, and the great bowed, white-haired figure of his uncle, Ferro Collini stood in the doorway.

"You are quick to respond," the old man rumbled.

He led the way through the drafty entrance hall into a high-vaulted study, sat down in a heavy, carved old chair, indicated another for Luigi.

"The feud between the Collinis and the Torellos is no laughing matter!" His uncle interrupted sternly. "Remember that Bartolomeo Collini, the founder of our family was burned as a wizard because of a Torello. It was at the stake that he demanded we Collinis take a vow never to rest until the last of the Torellos was dead!"

"How does that concern us?" Luigi demanded.

"You are a Collini, technically the last of the family!" Ferro raged. "Yet, you have the effrontery to want to marry the last of the Torellos! Marry her, indeed!" the old man cast a quick glance at the fireplace over which hung a portrait of Bartolomeo Collini. "You should want to burn her as her ancestor did Bartolomeo!"

"This is nonsense!" Luigi said, getting up. "I thought, perhaps you wanted to see me because you had come to your senses. Heaven help me, I thought you might be happy that this blood feud would die in my marriage. Uncle, you are a madman. I refuse to . . ." Luigi paused, staring, wide-eyed into the mouth of a pistol. It had appeared suddenly in his uncle's hand.

"Walk — *to the dungeons*!" Ferro Collini grated, his old eyes narrowing. "You have disgraced the family name forever! At first I thought you were open to reason, Luigi. I am an old man. My heart is bad. I have not long to live. But I am a Collini. I remember the vow made by our family." He chuckled evilly as they walked down a winding set of stairs. "Yes, it is good you came. To be frank, I hardly expected you to agree with me."

"Then — then why did you send for me, Ferro?" Luigi demanded fiercely.

The old man paused before a corridor leading into a line of dungeons, a relic from the ancient days when the castle often harbored many prisoners. He took a key from his pocket, looked at it speculatively. On his moustached lips a grim smile quivered.

"How did you hear about my engagement??" Luigi demanded, with ever more vigor.

"We Collinis were suspected of holy traffic," Ferro Collini

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BEELZEBUB!

COME WITH US INTO AN UNKNOWN WORLD!
HAGARTH SPOKE OF THE DEVIL, AND UP HE POPPED! BEELZEBUB WAS HERE...BUT WHY? WHAT DID BEELZEBUB WANT?

WHO COULD SAY THE BOOK EVEN EXISTED? THE BOOK WAS LEGEND...AN OBSCURE MENTION OF IT IN HIEROGLYPHICS HERE ...A WORD IN SANSKRIT THERE...A HINT OF IT IN ICELANDIC BARDIC POETRY...

NOTHING DEFINITE... NOTHING FOR ANY MAN TO GO ON... TO BELIEVE IN... TO SPEND A LIFETIME LOOKING FOR — OR EVEN DREAM ABOUT...

BUT CHARLES HAGARTH WAS NO ORDINARY MAN... AND HIS DREAM WAS NO ORDINARY DREAM... SOME DAY HE WOULD STUMBLE ACROSS AN EXCAVATION — PASS THROUGH A LONG TUNNEL INTO A TOMB, AND THERE IT WOULD BE — THE BOOK — CLASPED IN A MUMMY'S HAND...

THERE IT WOULD BE — THE BOOK OF SATAN — CONTAINING WITHIN IT ALL SORTS OF MAGIC INCANTATIONS! ANY MAN WHO FOUND IT — WHO LEARNED ITS SECRET FORMULAS — WOULD BECOME ALL-WEALTHY, ALL-POWERFUL...

THE BOOK! I MUST HAVE THE BOOK! SATAN WOULD BECOME MY SERVANT; HE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ME! ANYTHING!

I'VE SPENT A LIFETIME LOOKING FOR IT! I'LL FIND IT YET! THE BOOK OF SATAN IS MINE!

WAKE UP, SIR! WAKE UP! WE'VE FOUND IT!

JEAN! WHAT IS IT?

ONE OF THE WORKMEN FOUND STEPS LEADING DOWNWARD! -- A TRUE TUNNEL! COME QUICKLY!

A TUNNEL? THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB OF ASSADMAIAN! I'VE FOUND IT! I'VE FOUND IT!

QUICK, YOU IDIOT! WAKE UP THE CAMP!

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I KNEW I'D FIND IT IF I KEPT AFTER IT! THE BOOK HAD TO EXIST! IT WAS MENTIONED IN TOO MANY SEPARATE PLACES TO BE JUST A LEGEND!
THIS WAY, PROFESSOR HAGARTH! THERE IT IS!
STEPS LEADING DOWN!--THEY HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE!
INDEED THEY DO! TO THE TOMB OF ASSADMAIAN!--START DIGGING ALL AROUND THE STEPS...AT ONCE! JEAN, DRIVE THEM TILL THEY DROP!
AFTER 25 YEARS OF LOOKING, NOTHING BUT LOOKING...THE SPOT AT LAST! THE TOMB OF ASSADMAIAN --WHO PERISHED 3,600 YEARS AGO ONLY TO LEAVE ME HIS INHERITANCE! THE BOOK OF BOOKS! THE BOOK OF SATAN!
REMEMBER, DOGS--ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND THE TUNNEL, NOBODY ENTERS ON PAIN OF DEATH! ONLY I WILL GO IN! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, PROFESSOR... BUT NO NEED TO WARN US...WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN RELICS, MUMMIES, POTTERY..SUCH THINGS ARE WORTHLESS TO US!
THE BOOK OF SATAN...WORTHLESS! HA! SUCH IS THE IMBECILITY OF THE IGNORANT! FOOLS! FOOLS! LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY UNEARTH!
A LIFETIME OF TRACKING DOWN A THING THAT WAS MORE RUMOR THAN FACT...AND NOW TO KNOW IT WAS UNDER ONE'S VERY FEET! NO WONDER HAGARTH WAS IMPATIENT...
FASTER! FASTER! I WANT TO BE INSIDE THAT TOMB BY SUNDOWN! TRIPLE PAY TO HIM WHO FINDS THE TUNNEL FIRST!
BUT THE FIERCE HEAT AND EMOTIONAL EXHAUSTION FINALLY CLAIMED EVEN HAGARTH...
THERE'S FATE FOR YOU! IF I'D ONLY GUESSED THAT THE TRAIL'S END LAY IN IRAQ, I'D HAVE BEEN HERE 20 YEARS AGO! I'D HAVE SPARED MYSELF 20 YEARS OF DISAPPOINTMENT AND ANGUISH!
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BUT WHAT OF IT? WHAT DOES IT MATTER NOW? THOSE LOST YEARS ...I'LL GAIN THEM ALL BACK! I'LL ASK SATAN FOR YOUTH! ETERNAL YOUTH! SATAN CAN DENY ME NOTHING! I SHALL HAVE EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD I WANT!
BUT WHEN THE WORKERS CAME TO CALL HAGARTH, IT WAS ALREADY DARK...
WE FOUND IT, PROFESSOR! FULL OF RELICS!--ASSADMAIAN'S COFFIN LIES THERE AS UNBLEMISHED AS THE DAY HE WAS BURIED!
IDIOT! DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO LEAVE THE EXPLORATION TO ME! IF ANYTHING IS MISSING I SHALL HAVE YOUR LIFE!
CRACK
EACH TIME I THOUGHT I HAD THE BOOK...YET EACH TIME, ON OPENING A TOMB OR GRAVE--THE BOOK ELUDED ME! THE CHASE WAS FOR NAUGHT! IT MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!
THE BOOK MUST BE HERE--AS DESCRIBED IN ALL THE ANCIENT CHRONICLES... CLASPED IN THE HAND OF THE DEAD!
THERE'S THE MUMMY! ASSADMAIAN HIMSELF! THE BOOK OF SATAN MUST BE CLASPED IN HIS HAND!
(GASP!) IT ISN'T HERE! BUT IT WAS HERE! ASSADMAIAN'S FINGERS STILL TAKE THE SHAPE OF HOLDING SOMETHING! THE BOOK WAS STOLEN!
ONE OF THE WORKERS MUST'VE TAKEN I--
IT'S MINE, PROFESSOR! I SAW IT FIRST!
JEAN! THE BOOK! YOU'VE GOT THE BOOK!

FOOL! YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME FOR 20 YEARS! HOW CAN YOU BETRAY ME LIKE THIS? GIVE ME THE BOOK! I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT! ANY PRICE!
IT IS NOT FOR SALE! IT IS MINE!
VERY WELL! YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE! DIE FOR YOUR STUBBORNESS!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
JEAN MUST'VE GONE MAD! LET'S SEE, ACCORDING TO THE CHRONICLES I HAVE ONLY TO READ THE HYMN TO BEELZEBUB TO RAISE THE DEVIL! ON READING IT, BEELZEBUB HIMSELF WILL APPEAR TO DO MY BIDDING!
SO HAGARTH READ THE HYMN TO BEELZEBUB! BUT THE INSTANT HE READ THE LAST WORD IN THE LAST SENTENCE...
"...THUS, HAVING UTTERED THE MAGIC WORDS, BEELZEBUB THE DEVIL WILL APPEAR TO BECOME THY SLAVE!" THERE HE IS!
(GASP!) Y-YOU ARE SHAPED LIKE THE DEVIL, BEELZEBUB! (GASP!) BUT YOU HAVE JEAN'S FACE!
THIS IS NOT SO STRANGE, HAGARTH, WHEN YOU KNOW THAT JEAN AND BEELZEBUB ARE ONE!
HAGARTH, YOU WERE THE ONLY HUMAN BEING WHO BELIEVED ENOUGH IN THE BOOK OF SATAN TO TRY TO FIND IT! SO I JOINED YOUR LITTLE EXPEDITIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT EACH TIME YOU GOT CLOSE TO THE BOOK, IT WAS BURIED ELSEWHERE!
NO, BEELZEBUB! YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MY SLAVE! MY SLAVE!
FOOL! DID YOU THINK I AM ANY MAN'S SLAVE? SUCH IS THE FOLLY OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE MY CHILDREN! THEY END UP DEVOURED BY ME!
AIEEEE
LET ME SEE... I MUST FIND ANOTHER DEEP PLACE TO HIDE MY UNHOLY WRIT! IF SOME OTHER MORTAL SHOULD FIND IT BEFORE I KNOW OF IT, I WOULD BECOME THE SLAVE TO A MAN! THIS MUST NOT BE!
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said softly. "For three hundred years this has been so. Dolts like yourself, of course, Luigi, left the family bosom early in life." He shrugged. "You can have your purity, my dear nephew." Suddenly he burst into a great laugh. "Perhaps the Torello who first accused our family of dealing with dark powers was not so far wrong. That, I think, may answer your second question. As for your first . . ." He paused and reflected. "It was only by getting you up here that I had any hope of enticing Bianca Torello here also!"

Luigi Collini's eyes bulged in horror. He knotted his fists, took one step forward, toward his uncle.

"Fiend!" he cried. "You intend to harm her? If you do, if you harm so much as a hair of her head, I'll . . ."

Ferro Collini pushed his great, aged bulk against a dungeon door; it gave. Inside was darkness, faintly illuminated by light from a window overhead. He shoved Luigi Collini inside, shut the door, closed the lock with his key.

"You can do nothing," Ferro Collini rumbled through the door. "She will die, Luigi, after I have sent her a message asking her to come here, to join us in a first family re-union. And after she dies, Luigi, so shall you — of starvation here in the dungeon!"

Collini heard his uncle's footsteps retreating up the stairs. He shook the bars of the dungeon door futilely. He looked at his watch, stared hopelessly through the tiny, barred window.

Two hours passed.

Abruptly, rising from the lethargy into which he had sunk, Luigi heard the wheels of a *fiacre*. Peering through the window bars, he saw the old vehicle stop, saw Bianca's red cloak flash past, then heard the wheels move fast away, as the frightened driver left. Then all he heard were footfalls overheard. He imagined his uncle approaching Bianca with false smiles, imagined his great gnarled hand reaching out . . .

"Luigi! Luigi!" Bianca's scream came clearly through the stone flooring. Frenziedly, with the strength of anguish, Luigi hurled himself at the door. It gave slightly. His hands began to bleed. Then the rusty old chain holding it shut gave way. With a shout he tumbled out of the cell, sped up the stairway, back to the study. With an oath,

he flung the door open, stopped in horror as he heard Bianca scream again. He saw his uncle reaching for her, hands clutching for her throat. Abruptly Luigi sprang for the desk on which lay Ferro Collini's gun. The giant, old man turned toward him with a snarl, the immense hands that could have broken a steel bar, reaching out for Luigi. Then the gun roared, cursing.

Ferro Collini fell, gasping.

"You—you have killed me!" he screamed. "But the vow shall be fulfilled. By *him* who ordered me to trap the last of the Torellos!" He jerked abruptly, died.

"By him?" Luigi asked, puzzled, as he glanced at Bianca. "By who?" Then he went rigid.

Bianca was staring, not at him, but at a figure approaching her from the left. Her mouth opened to scream. No sound emerged. She was paralyzed with terror.

"It is he!" Luigi cried. He saw the figure's arms open toward Bianca, heard it chuckle evilly. *"It is Bartomolmeo Collini!"*

He flung the gun to the floor, knowing it would be useless.

"Your gun cannot kill me, Luigi!" Bartolomeo Collini rasped. "You cannot stop me as I fulfill the ancient vow—to kill the last of the Torellos!"

Luigi's hand went inside his shirt, drew out the crucifix round his throat. Holding it before him, he snatched a silver paper knife from the desk.

The cloaked horror stopped, whirled, but Luigi advanced, the crucifix dangling from one hand. Then Bartolomeo, driven back by its influence tried to flee — too late. With a cry, Luigi leaped forward, driving the silver knife into his breast.

"Silver!" Bartolomeo screamed. "It is the silver that kills such as we!" He tottered, topped, dissolved before their eyes to an invisible, impalpable dust.

"Where—where did he come from, Luigi?" Bianca asked, trembling. "He died three hundred years ago!"

"But his hate lived on, Bianca," Luigi said. "Powerful enough to endure beyond the flames of the stake, to inbue inanimate dust with the fire and life of revenge, to nest like an evil germ in the last image of Bartolomeo Collini. Look!" He pointed to the picture that had hung above the fireplace. The frame still glowed with gilt and colors.

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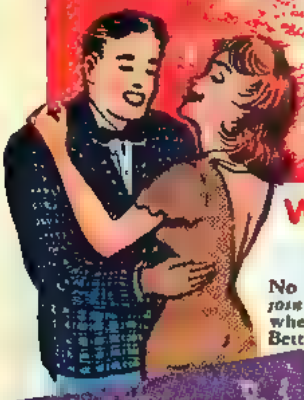

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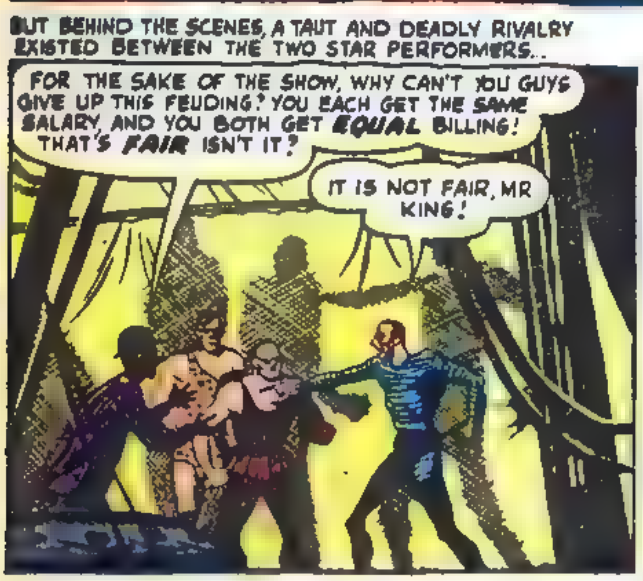
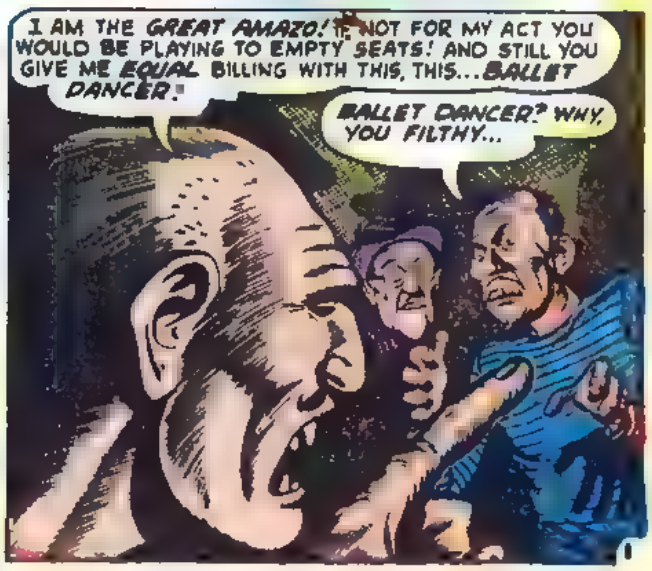
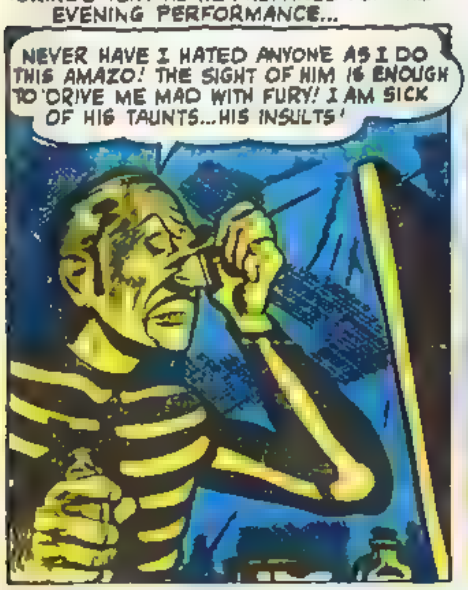

BUT BEHIND THE SCENES, A TAUT AND DEADLY RIVALRY EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO STAR PERFORMERS..
FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHOW, WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS GIVE UP THIS FEUDING? YOU EACH GET THE SAME SALARY, AND YOU BOTH GET EQUAL BILLING! THAT'S FAIR ISN'T IT?
IT IS NOT FAIR, MR KING!

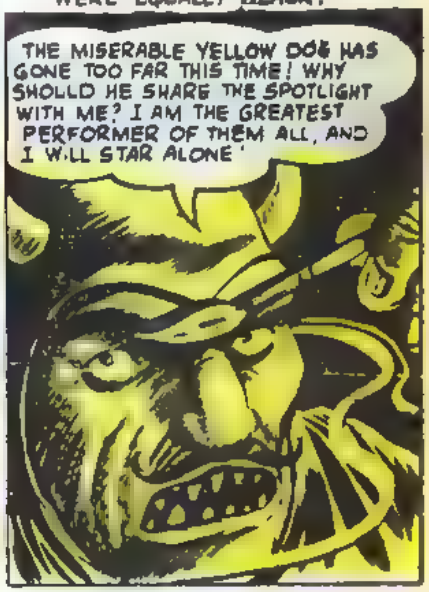

I AM THE GREAT AMAZO! IF NOT FOR MY ACT YOU WOULD BE PLAYING TO EMPTY SEATS! AND STILL YOU GIVE ME EQUAL BILLING WITH THIS, THIS... BALLET DANCER!
BALLET DANCER? WHY, YOU FILTHY...

THIS IS MY FINAL WARNING, AND I MEAN EVERY WORD OF IT! IF THERE IS ANOTHER OUTBREAK LIKE THIS, I'LL FIRE BOTH OF YOU! NOW BACK TO YOUR TENTS AND STAY UNTIL SHOW TIME!

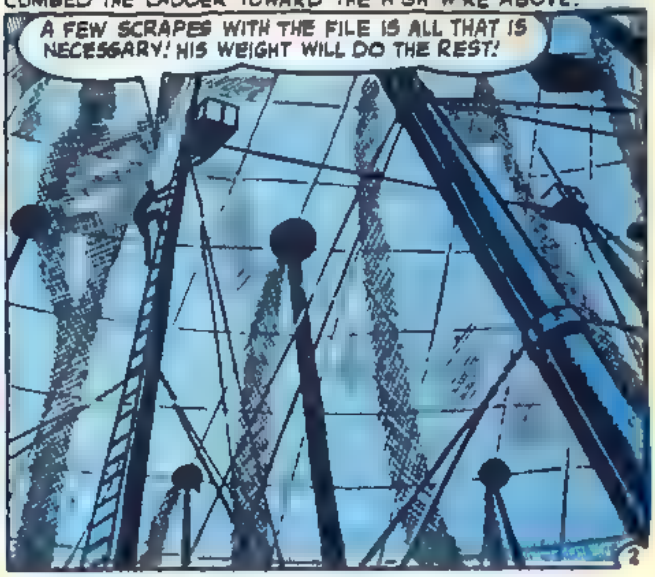
SUDDENLY THE TWO RIVALS PARTED, AND IN TORINO'S TENT AS HE PREPARED FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCE...


NEVER HAVE I HATED ANYONE AS I DO THIS AMAZO! THE SIGHT OF HIM IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE ME MAD WITH FURY! I AM SICK OF HIS TAUNTS...HIS INSULTS!

AND IN AMAZO'S TENT, HIS THOUGHTS WERE EQUALLY BLACK!


THE MISERABLE YELLOW DOG HAS GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME! WHY SHOULD HE SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT WITH ME? I AM THE GREATEST PERFORMER OF THEM ALL, AND I WILL STAR ALONE!

MINUTES LATER, UNDER THE VAST EMPTINESS OF THE DARKENED BIG TOP, THE DEMENTED, STAR-STRUCK AMAZO CLIMBED THE LADDER TOWARD THE HIGH WIRE ABOVE!



A HALF HOUR LATER, THE BIG TOP FILLED TO CAPACITY, A SINGLE SPOTLIGHT DRENCHED THE LITTLE TORINO IN A BLAZE OF LIGHT!

AND NOW, THE SPECTACULAR TORINO, WHO WILL CROSS THE HIGH WIRE EIGHTY FEET ABOVE OUR HEADS... *WITHOUT A NET!* READY, TORINO... GO!

AS THE VIBRANT ROLL OF THE DRUMS MOUNTED IN INTENSITY, A SEA OF UPTURNED FACES WATCHED WITH HUSHED EXPECTANCY...

HE'LL MAKE IT! ONLY A FEW FEET MORE!

WAIT! THE WIRE! IT'S SAGGING... IT'S GOING TO...

SNAP!

AIIIIII!!

AND IN THE FEW SECONDS OF PANDEMONIUM THAT FOLLOWED!

STOP GAPING, YOU FOOL! START UP THE BAND! BRING ON AMAZO.. KEEP THE SHOW GOING!

THE DOCTOR IS ON HIS WAY! YOU'LL BE IN GOOD HANDS!

IT IS NO USE... T-THE END IS NEAR!

HE DID IT! HE HATED ME BECAUSE I WAS GREATER THAN HE! HE IS MY... MURDERER!

AMAZO...?

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AND OUTSIDE, THE ROLL OF DRUMS WAS HEARD ONCE MORE!
ONCE AGAIN THE FABULUS AMAZO! FROM THE AMAZING HEIGHT OF NINETY FEET HE WILL MAKE HIS PLUNGE INTO A SIX FOOT TANK OF WATER! WATCH HIM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... WATCH HIM!
THE DRUMS! AMAZO IS ON! I MUST WATCH THE KILLER... MURDERER...
I TOLD YOU I WILL SEE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE! THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO!
NOR YOU EITHER..FOR JUSTICE IS ALREADY DONE! IT IS, I TELL YOU...IT IS! HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? TELL ME.. TELL ME!
I WILL NOT TELL YOU...GO...GO OUT AND SEE...SEE AMAZO DIE! ARRGGGGG...
KING RUSHED OUT OF TORINO'S TENT AND INTO THE BIG TOP
AMAZO...DON'T DIVE!! DON'T!!
BUT AMAZO WAS ALREADY ON HIS WAY, AND AS HIS PLUNGING BODY NEARED THE TANK, HE SAW THAT..
IT... IT'S EMPTY!
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WELL, *AMAZO* DIDN'T MAKE MUCH OF A SPLASH THAT TIME...OR DID HE? NOW HERE'S A PLEASANT SURPRISE PACKAGE FOR YOU-ALL! IT'S ABOUT A CHARACTER WHO WANTED TO BE IN ANOTHER MAN'S *SHOES* AND THEY *FIT* HIM TOO! UPON OUR *SOUL*, THIS ONE WILL LEAVE YOU WITH YOUR *TONGUE* HANGING OUT!

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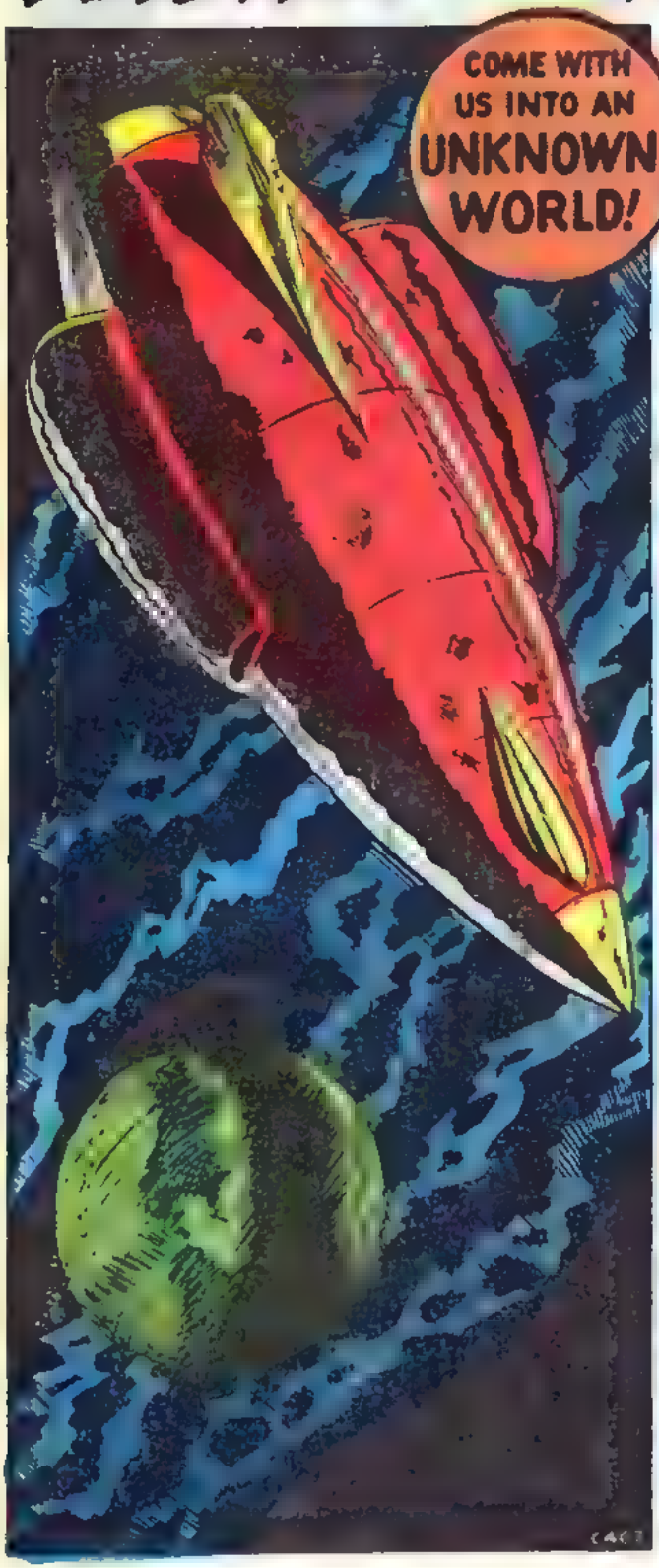

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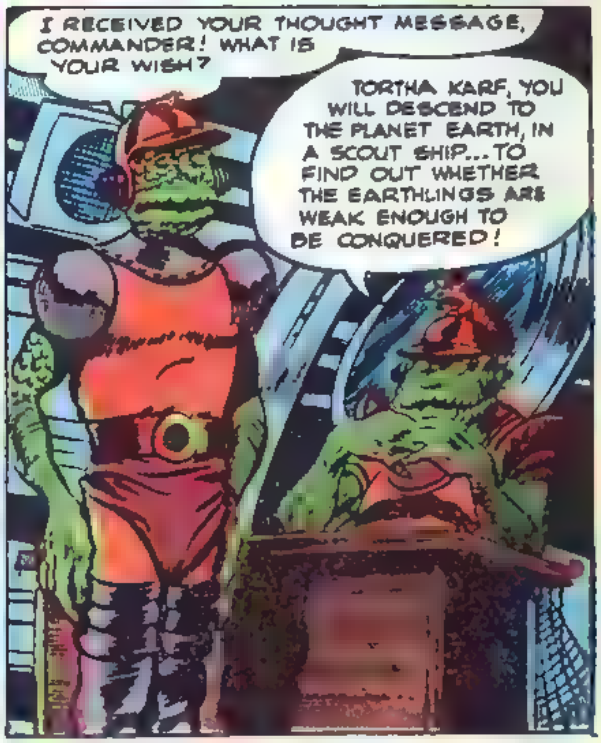
TORTHA KARF...REPORT TO THE COMMANDER'S QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY!


I RECEIVED YOUR THOUGHT MESSAGE, COMMANDER! WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
TORTHA KARF, YOU WILL DESCEND TO THE PLANET EARTH, IN A SCOUT SHIP...TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE EARTHLINGS ARE WEAK ENOUGH TO BE CONQUERED!

YOU WILL LAND ON EARTH AT NIGHT, AND TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF A MEMBER OF THE RULING SPECIES! IN THAT DISGUISE, YOU WILL SPY UPON THE EARTHLINGS WHILE YOU REPORT ALL YOUR FINDINGS BACK TO THIS SHIP BY MEANS OF TELEPATHIC THOUGHT MESSAGES!
IT WILL BE DONE, COMMANDER!
MINUTES LATER..
ABOARD THE SCOUT SHIP...
THIS IS TORTHA KARF REPORTING TO THE SPACE SHIP SATURNIA! I AM NOW DESCENDING TOWARD EARTH AT TOP SPEED! BUT IT IS STILL DAYLIGHT ON THAT PLANET, SO I WILL INVESTIGATE IT THRU THE LONG RANGE ELECTRONIC SPY-SCOPE!
AH, I HAVE FOCUSED IN ON A ROAD! I SEE TWO LIVING CREATURES... ONE FOUR-LEGGED AND TAILED, AND THE OTHER TWO-LEGGED AND TAILLESS!
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NOW THE TWO-LEGGED CREATURE IS WHIPPING THE OTHER ONE, FORCING IT TO MOVE FASTER!
THEN, OBVIOUSLY, THE TWO-LEGGED ONE IS A MEMBER OF THE RULING CLASS! TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO A DUPLICATE OF THE TWO-LEGGED CREATURE, TORTHA KARF!
I HAVE DONE SO, COMMANDER!

WAIT...NOW THE TWO-LEGGED CREATURE HAS STOPPED IN FRONT OF A LARGE BUILDING... HE, HIMSELF, IS UNLOADING THE CONTENTS OF HIS WAGON...
I CAN SEE THAT HE IS WORKING VERY HARD...HE MUST BE A COMMON LABORER, AND NOT A MEMBER OF THE RULING CLASS!
THEN YOU MUST LOOK FURTHER, TORTHA KARF ..UNTIL YOU FIND A TRUE MEMBER OF THE ELITE CLASS, WHO CAN WANDER AROUND AT WILL AND NOT HAVE TO LABOR!
I WILL KEEP LOOKING, COMMANDER!
NIGHT HAS FALLEN ON THIS PART OF EARTH! I AM APPROACHING A CITY NEAR A BROAD RIVER!
I HAVE TURNED ON MY NIGHT VISION, AND NOW I SEE A WALLED PORTION OF THE CITY! THE WALL IS PROBABLY DESIGNED TO KEEP THE COMMONERS OUT, SO THAT MUST BE WHERE THE RULING CLASS LIVES!
THE NAME ON THE WALL TELLS ME THAT THE INHABITANTS ARE VOCAL ARTISTS... SINGERS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY THE RULERS OF THE EARTH! THEY WEAR DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING TO SET THEM OFF FROM THE RABBLE!
THE VOCALISTS INSIDE THE WALLS ARE NOW WAVING FLASHING OBJECTS AT DARK-UNIFORMED SLAVES! SOME SLAVES ARE FALLING TO THE GROUND IN HOMAGE BEFORE THEIR MASTERS, WHILE OTHER SLAVES OPEN THE GATES FOR THE VOCALISTS!
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TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO ONE OF THE VOCALISTS, TORTHA KARF, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE DISTURBED WHEN YOU WALK ABOUT ON EARTH AND SPY ON THE EARTHLINGS!
I AM ALREADY AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF A VOCALIST, COMMANDER... RIGHT DOWN TO THE DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING! I HAVE NOW LEFT MY SCOUT SHIP AND AM USING MY ANTI-GRAVITY BELT TO LAND ON EARTH!
I HAVE LANDED WITHIN THE WALLS, COMMANDER! I AM NOW WALKING TOWARD THE GATES AND SOME OF THE DARK-UNIFORMED SLAVES ARE SALUTING ME WITH PECULIAR METAL OBJECTS... YAAGH!
I--I AM DYING, COMMANDER! THE SLAVES HAVE TURNED ON ME! THEIR METAL OBJECTS ARE FLASHING FIRE AND SMOKE! THE PAIN IS UNBEARABLE! FAREWELL, COMMANDER! ...OOOH!
H-HE IS DEAD! IF THE EARTHLINGS COULD DETECT A SPY IN THEIR MIDST SO EASILY, THEY MUST HAVE STRANGE POWERS AND THEY WILL BE TOO STRONG TO CONQUER!
ATTENTION, SATURNIANS! THIS IS COMMANDER AKOR MLEE THINKING! WE DARE NOT ATTACK EARTH! LET US SEARCH THE GALAXY FOR SOME WEAKER WORLDS TO CONQUER!
WHILE DOWN ON EARTH...
HE MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY TO WALK OUT OF THE GATES RIGHT AFTER THE REST OF THOSE CONS BROKE OUT!
YEAH, HE MUST'VE BEEN LOCO! JUST BEFORE HE WALKED INTO OUR GUNFIRE, HE HAD A SUPERIOR SMILE ON HIS FACE... AS IF HE THOUGHT WE WERE SLAVES OF HIS!
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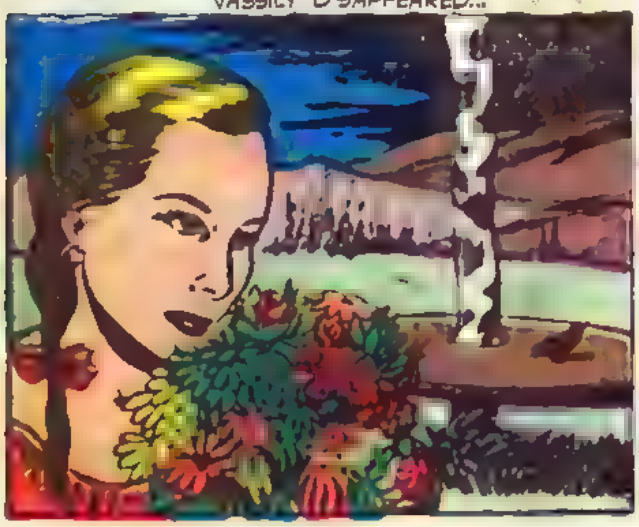

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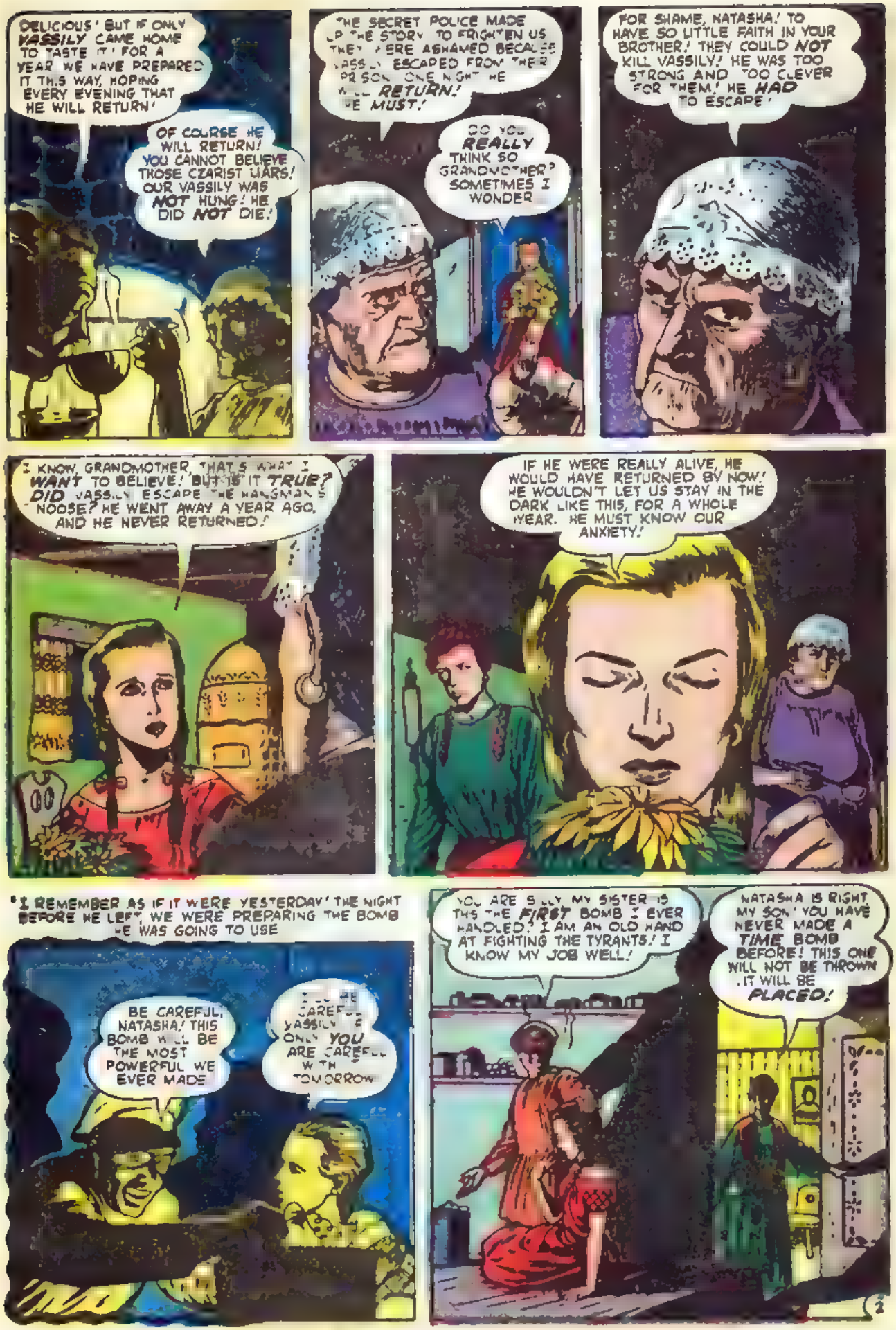
DELICIOUS! BUT IF ONLY VASSILY CAME HOME TO TASTE IT! FOR A YEAR WE HAVE PREPARED IT THIS WAY, HOPING EVERY EVENING THAT HE WILL RETURN!
OF COURSE HE WILL RETURN! YOU CANNOT BELIEVE THOSE CZARIST LIARS! OUR VASSILY WAS NOT HUNG! HE DID NOT DIE!
THE SECRET POLICE MADE UP THE STORY TO FRIGHTEN US THEY WERE ASHAMED BECAUSE VASSILY ESCAPED FROM THEIR PRISON ONE NIGHT HE WILL RETURN! HE MUST!
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO GRANDMOTHER? SOMETIMES I WONDER
FOR SHAME, NATASHA! TO HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH IN YOUR BROTHER! THEY COULD NOT KILL VASSILY! HE WAS TOO STRONG AND TOO CLEVER FOR THEM! HE HAD TO ESCAPE!
I KNOW, GRANDMOTHER, THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BELIEVE! BUT IS IT TRUE? DID VASSILY ESCAPE THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE? HE WENT AWAY A YEAR AGO, AND HE NEVER RETURNED!
IF HE WERE REALLY ALIVE, HE WOULD HAVE RETURNED BY NOW! HE WOULDN'T LET US STAY IN THE DARK LIKE THIS, FOR A WHOLE YEAR. HE MUST KNOW OUR ANXIETY!
"I REMEMBER AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY! THE NIGHT BEFORE HE LEFT, WE WERE PREPARING THE BOMB HE WAS GOING TO USE
BE CAREFUL, NATASHA! THIS BOMB WILL BE THE MOST POWERFUL WE EVER MADE
BE CAREFUL, VASSILY! IF ONLY YOU ARE CAREFUL WITH TOMORROW
YOU ARE SILLY, MY SISTER! IS THIS THE FIRST BOMB I EVER HANDLED! I AM AN OLD HAND AT FIGHTING THE TYRANTS! I KNOW MY JOB WELL!
NATASHA IS RIGHT, MY SON! YOU HAVE NEVER MADE A TIME BOMB BEFORE! THIS ONE WILL NOT BE THROWN . IT WILL BE PLACED!
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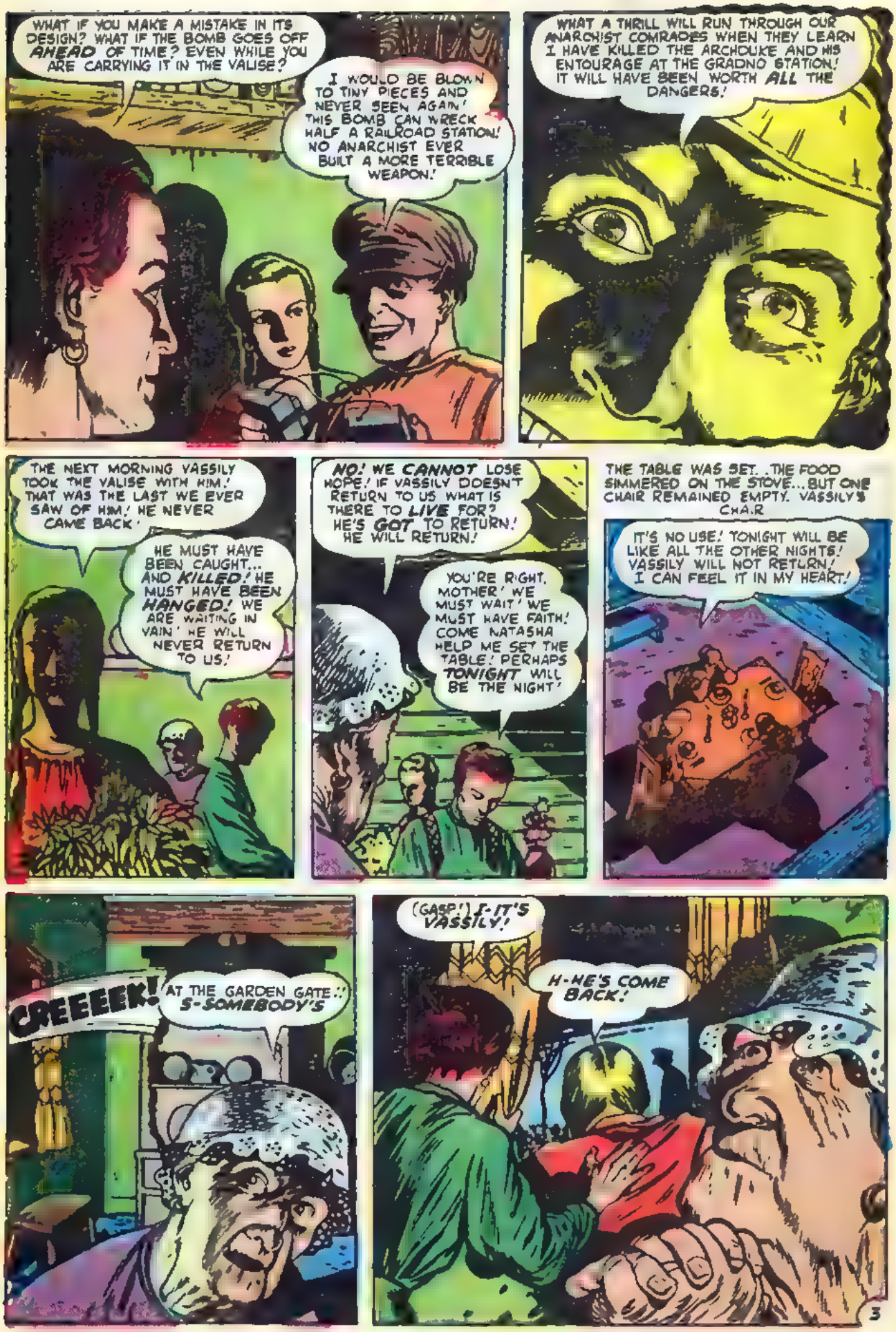
WHAT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE IN ITS DESIGN? WHAT IF THE BOMB GOES OFF AHEAD OF TIME? EVEN WHILE YOU ARE CARRYING IT IN THE VALISE?
I WOULD BE BLOWN TO TINY PIECES AND NEVER SEEN AGAIN! THIS BOMB CAN WRECK HALF A RAILROAD STATION! NO ANARCHIST EVER BUILT A MORE TERRIBLE WEAPON!
WHAT A THRILL WILL RUN THROUGH OUR ANARCHIST COMRADES WHEN THEY LEARN I HAVE KILLED THE ARCHDUKE AND HIS ENTOURAGE AT THE GRADNO STATION! IT WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH ALL THE DANGERS!
THE NEXT MORNING VASSILY TOOK THE VALISE WITH HIM! THAT WAS THE LAST WE EVER SAW OF HIM! HE NEVER CAME BACK!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN CAUGHT... AND KILLED! HE MUST HAVE BEEN HANGED! WE ARE WAITING IN VAIN! HE WILL NEVER RETURN TO US!
NO! WE CANNOT LOSE HOPE! IF VASSILY DOESN'T RETURN TO US WHAT IS THERE TO LIVE FOR? HE'S GOT TO RETURN! HE WILL RETURN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, MOTHER! WE MUST WAIT! WE MUST HAVE FAITH! COME NATASHA HELP ME SET THE TABLE! PERHAPS TONIGHT WILL BE THE NIGHT!
THE TABLE WAS SET. . THE FOOD SIMMERED ON THE STOVE... BUT ONE CHAIR REMAINED EMPTY. VASSILY'S CHAIR
IT'S NO USE! TONIGHT WILL BE LIKE ALL THE OTHER NIGHTS! VASSILY WILL NOT RETURN! I CAN FEEL IT IN MY HEART!
CREEEEK!
AT THE GARDEN GATE.. S-SOMEBODY'S
(GASP!) I-IT'S VASSILY!
H-HE'S COME BACK!
3

I KNEW IT! I KNEW IF WE WAITED LONG ENOUGH, HE'D RETURN!
QUICK, LET'S GO OUT TO MEET HIM!
VASSILY! VASSILY! YOU'RE BACK, BROTHER! YOU RE HOME WITH US AGAIN!
HE DOESN'T ANSWER! VASSILY! VASSILY! IT'S ME... YOUR MOTHER!
VASSILY, CAN'T YOU HEAR US?
HE IS DEAF! SAINTS PRESERVE US! MY SON IS DEAF!!
HE MUST BE BLIND, TOO! I AM RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM! HE IS STARING RIGHT AT ME, BUT HE DOESN'T SEE ME!
I WILL SHAKE HIM! VASSILY! WHAT IS THE MATTER! CAN'T YOU SEE US? IT'S ME...NATASHA... YOUR SISTER NATASHA!
HE DOESN T MOVE! HE DOESN'T FEEL YOUR HAND!
NATASHA! GO AWAY FROM HIM! VASSILY IS NOT WITH US! HE IS DEAD!!
.T IS HIS GHOST THAT HAS COME BACK! HIS GHOST!! THAT'S WHY HE CAN'T HEAR US OR SEE US OR FEEL US!
T-THEN HE DID DIE! HE WAS HANGED!! THE SECRET POLICE KILLED HIM!

LOOK AT HIM! HE WALKS AROUND...AS IF IN A DREAM! AS IF NOTHING WERE REAL. (SOB) MY SON IS DEAD DEAD!
I WARNED H.M ABOUT THE TIME BOMB, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN! VASSILY! WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME? WHY DID YOU HAVE TO TRY THAT NEW BOMB!
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN ALIVE NOW!! (SOB!) WE WOULD'VE BEEN TOGETHER THIS YEAR ALL OF US...AS WE USED TO BE!
(SOB!) A WHOLE YEAR WE WAITED ...PRAYED.. HOPED...ALL IN VAIN! OUR VASSILY IS NO MORE! HE IS GONE FROM US!
IT WILL BE AN ETERNITY BEFORE HE WILL SPEAK TO US AGAIN! OH, MY VASSILY. - DEAD!
VASSILY! COME! IT'S GETTING DARK! WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO TOWN! THE DRIVER GROWS IMPATIENT!
COMING! IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE LOOK AT THE PLACE. A RUIN. EXCEPT FOR THE FLOWERS!
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS? I TOOK THE WRONG VALISE I LEFT THE VALISE WITH THE TIME BOMB BEHIND HERE IN THE HOUSE. THEY NEVER KNEW WHAT HAPPENED: THEY WERE BLOWN TO BITS!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! ANY MAN CAN MAKE A MISTAKE, VASSILY!
A MISTAKE? YES, THE MISTAKE KILLED THEM! MY MOTHER...MY GRANDMOTHER NATASHA, MY SISTER! THEY ARE DEAD. ALL DEAD... AND MY BOMB DID IT!
HE IS LEAVING, MOTHER! THE GHOST IS GOING AWAY!
YES VASSILY IS DEAD, WHILE WE LIVE ON. BUT SOMEDAY IF WE WAIT AND WAIT.. WE TOO WILL BE DEAD! POOR BOY. HE MUST BE SO LONELY WITHOUT US!
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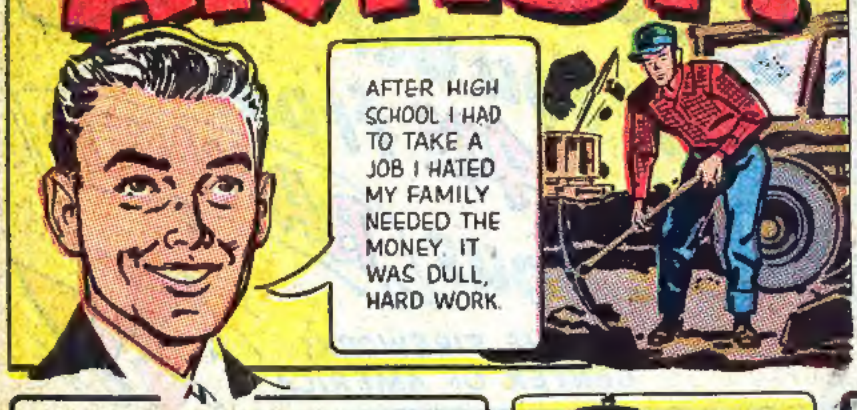

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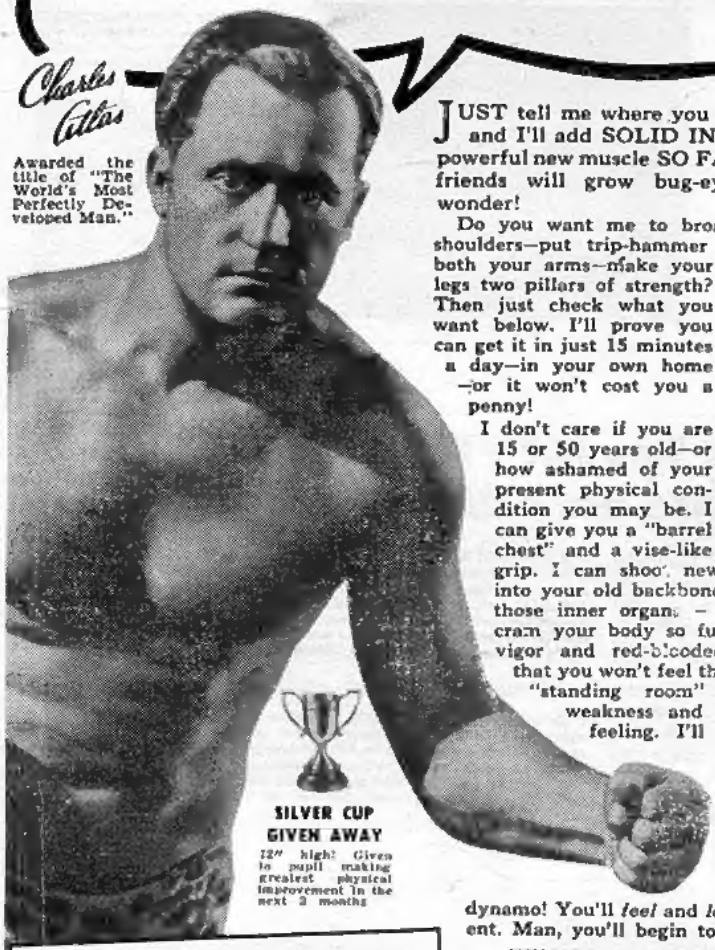

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